

## Who is eligible?

Individuals 60 years and older, or receiving social security or supplemental security income disability benefits, are eligible for medical deductions in applying for food stamp benefits.

## How do medical expenses help with applying for food stamp benefits?

If you have more than \$35 a month in out of pocket medical expenses, you can meet the \$150 deduction.

If you have more than \$185 a month in out of pocket medical expenses, you may be eligible to meet a higher deduction amount.

For many people, both cases may mean **MORE** food stamps each month. You just have to provide proof of your medical expenses to DFCS.

## Need more information?

[www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/georgia-cafe](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/georgia-cafe)

## How do I claim medical deductions?

If you have any single or combination of the listed medical expense(s) on the back of this brochure that total more than \$35 a month, you just need to include proof of the item(s) that total more than \$35 a month with your food stamp application to receive the deduction. Save your receipts!

**Include the billing receipt(s)** for Medical and Dental Services, Prescription Drugs, Health Insurance Costs, Medical supplies, or Medical Equipment.

**Include a written statement of the distances you travel or where you travel along any parking receipts** for Transportation Costs or Car Mileage.

**Include your receipt and documentation showing that you need them for medical reasons** for Over-the-Counter Medicines, Alternative Medical Services, or Service Animal.

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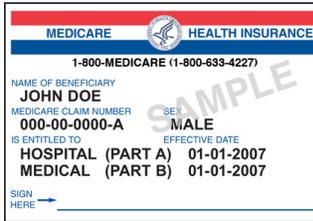
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# Key Medical Expenses Considered for Food Stamp Benefits

## Health Insurance Costs



- Medicare and Medicare supplement premiums (i.e. Medicare Part B premium, \$104.90)
- Prescription drug insurance (i.e. Medicare Part D premium)
- Health, hospitalization, long-term care/nursing home insurance premiums
- Health Insurance deductibles

## Medical and Dental Services Not Covered by Insurance

- Doctor/clinic visits
- Dental care
- Hospitalization
- Physical therapy
- Emergency room visit
- Outpatient treatment
- Home health care
- Adult day care
- Housekeeping services due to your age or illness



## Prescription Drugs

- Cost for prescription drugs



## Over-the-Counter Medicines

- Includes pain relievers, antacids, vitamins, and insulin that your health care provider tells you to take



## Medical supplies

- These include adult diapers, foot care supplies, and prescription eyeglasses and contact lenses



## Transportation Costs and Car Mileage

- Your car mileage or cost for rides such as from a friend or neighbor to and from medical appointments and to your pharmacy



## Medical Equipment

- Sick room equipment
- Personal emergency response systems
- Wheelchairs or other mobility aids
- Prosthetics including hearing aids/batteries and dentures
- Communication equipment for the hearing or visually impaired



## Alternative Medical Services

- Prescribed treatments such as chiropractic care



## Service Animal Expenses

- Costs for service animals including veterinary bills and food supplies

